

MEXICAN BANDIT ATTACKED BY MAN HE HAD CONDEMNED TO DIE

WEATHER REPORT

OKLAHOMA—Thursday, unsettled, cooler; Friday, fair, cooler; Saturday, fair, cooler; Sunday, fair, cooler. Maximum 82, minimum 48; south winds and clear.

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DRIVING SNOW, BURNING SUN, CHECK TROOPS

Many Kinds of Weather in Mexico Test Endurance of U. S. Soldiers.

FAINT FROM HEAT AND THEN FREEZE

Improved Stoves and Chairs for Officers; Amusing Incidents.

FIELD HEADQUARTERS, AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, COLONIA DUBLAN, CHIHUAHUA, Mexico, March 26.—(By motor to Columbus, N. M., March 30.)—In few campaigns has the American army been called upon for more successive tests of endurance, pluck and ability of its men to think quickly in emergencies than in the present chase of Villa. From the day when the troops went over the border of New Mexico and the officers in the hard march across the desert began calculating on how much water they could carry, to the day when the troops were ordered to march down the back of half-fainting men and how much to save for the thirst of the final hour of the march, every minute has occupied the inventive genius of the men who are projecting this expedition more than two hundred miles into Mexico.

The large problems, such as the chase of Villa and the supply of means of existence, are not the only ones. He is in some of the military secrets covered by the censorship. But the hundreds of new problems mostly individual, which have been solved on sight by the American fighting men, and which are not forbidden publication, are to some extent an illustration of the spirit of the larger military questions that have been met.

Today, for example, a snowstorm swept over field headquarters. The driving snow particles seemed all the more uncomfortable because they struck faces which during the previous days had received scorching sunburns. The cavalry man in disgust exclaimed:

Then Build Fires. "The further south we go the colder it gets." But meanwhile an infantryman found an empty tin, rectangular in shape, in which he cut some slits near the bottom for ventilation. He piled in some sticks, started a fire in the tin, set it outside of a tent until the first smudge was over and the sticks were blazing and then brought it inside the tent where it furnished warmth equal to a piece of coal. The cavalryman in disgust exclaimed:

How They Built It. "But we brought nails on his like," he was asked. "Nobody, we took the nails from some boxes of supplies which were used up here."

"Who carried the saw?" "Nobody but our outfit. We borrowed one saw while its outfit was halted in front of our camp."

"What did the wood carving?" "The cook's hatchet."

Instructions not to occupy cities have multiplied the men's problems, for not only are the camps pitched at a distance from cities, but the men and officers stay away from the towns which otherwise they might frequent to make purchases of food supplies or souvenirs.

The great cottonwood trees which abound wherever there is water have been the first comfort of this expedition. The cottonwoods have furnished shade for the men, and the creeks, the only natural shade against the sun and occasionally their immense trunks have been used as shelters against the cold, sand and sleet during the quick changes of the climate.

Marking the Roads.

The loss of horses on the forced marches into Mexico, in itself remarkably small, has been further reduced by the instincts of self-preservation of the trained cavalry animals when they had to be left to shift for themselves. Some of these animals have managed to trail and finally overtake the columns which had dropped them.

The roads leading south from Columbus to the expeditionary base are marked with ingenious wordless signposts. Engineers or truck drivers upon discovering a fault or a turn in the road which they wished to indicate and having nothing with which to make a sign board, have used the thorny cholla bushes which cover nearly the entire country to a height of two or three feet. The bushes were cut down and laid diagonally across the road.

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Detachment of the Sixteenth U. S. Infantry on Train and Starting Over the Mexican Border After Villa



16th INFANTRY STARTING ACROSS BORDER. The picture shows a detachment of the Sixteenth United States Infantry entrained and starting south over the Mexican border in search of the bandit, Villa.

PROBE IS FEATURE NOW OF BIG WRECK

Railroad Officials in Fierce Controversy as to Where to Place Blame.

WATCHMAN ASLEEP?

With Another Death Last Night Known Dead Now Reaches 28.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 30.—Investigation into the wreck of three New York Central trains at Amherst, Ohio, Wednesday, which took a toll of at least thirty-eight lives—the exact number may never be known—and brought injury to more than forty others, several of whom probably will not recover, got under way today.

With a fierce controversy raging among railroad employees as to who was responsible for the accident, representatives of the state of Ohio and of the federal government were told by officials of the New York Central lines that the railroad officials would not conduct a separate formal inquiry on their own part. They asserted the interests of all concerned would be best served by one investigation on the part of representatives of the Ohio utilities commission and the interstate commerce commission.

Watchman Not Asleep. Testing of the signal clock apparatus at Amherst was the main work of the government experts today.

The controversy among railroad employees centered about A. H. Ernst, 25, towerman at Amherst, and Herman Hess, 65, veteran engineer whose train ran into the first section of train No. 36 causing the deaths of nearly all of those killed. Ernst vehemently denied that he was asleep on duty.

Albert Keller of Chicago, one of the wreck victims, died at Elyria hospital tonight, making the death list 28. Two others are expected to die. They are Wilbur Mahoney, Toledo, and Lawrence English, Buffalo.

PETITION NOT WHAT REQUIRED. Rogers County Move to Split County Doesn't Comply With Law.

Special to The World. OKLAHOMA CITY, March 30.—In the matter of the petition filed with Governor Williams some time ago as to taking certain portions of Rogers county and adding them to Tulsa county, Attorney-General Freeling has advised the governor that the petition does not meet the statutory provisions. It is required in such proceedings that the showing be made that the county from which such territory is proposed to be taken shall remain in fulfillment of the statutory requirement as to area and taxable wealth. The petition is lacking in this particular, according to the attorney-general. This does not mean, however, that another attempt may not be made to produce the proper showing.

GAS EXPLOSION KILLS SIX MEN

Pennsylvania Mine Blowup Fatal to Half Dozen

JOHNSTON, Pa., March 30.—Six men are known to have been killed today and at least two others are missing as a result of an explosion of gas in the Robinson mine of the Commonwealth Smelting and Refining Co. at Seward, eight miles west of here. Thirteen men are regularly employed in the mine, but because of a strike declared yesterday only a few reported for duty today.

SMITH PURCHASES NEW LLOYD BLDG.

Another Story Will Be Added to New Structure at Once.

A DEAL was completed yesterday whereby R. W. Smith, owner of the new Lloyd building, 317 South Cincinnati, The purchase price of \$20,000 was paid in cash. It is Smith's purpose to make improvements in the structure and considerable money will be expended before these have been completed. The Lloyd building was completed just three months ago.

The building is now three stories in height but it is the intention of Mr. Smith to add another story. The ground floor will be utilized for store room purposes, while the other three stories will be given over to a hotel. The Lloyd building is 55 feet wide and 135 feet in length. It is centrally located and considered to be one of the finest structures of its kind in the city.

Smith has become quite active in real estate and building ventures recently and has shown that he has confidence in Tulsa to continue to be the best city in the state. Work on the new building will be started at once and completed within a short time.

Portugal Gets Ready. LISBON, March 30.—(Via London, 4:59 p. m.)—Portugal is actively preparing for war, having all eventually in view, says the Secolou, which points out that an attack by hostile submarines upon the port of Lisbon is a possibility.

Several Killed. BUENOS AIRES, March 29.—Several persons were killed or wounded as a result of election disorders today in the province of San Luis.

BILL JAMES' ARM DEAD, SAYS EVERS

Found Guilty of Criminal Operation and Given 10 Years.

Special to The World. OKLAHOMA CITY, March 30.—April 8 has been set by District Judge Oldfield to hear motion for new trial in the case of Dr. James Crouch who was found guilty in the district court on a charge of performing a criminal operation and given ten years in the penitentiary. It was alleged that one of the operations caused the death of Mary Simmons. Witnesses testified of other similar operations, and one man said that his wife had been suffering bad health since undergoing such an operation. The jury in the case assessed the punishment. The names of some of the women witnesses were not used in the public print.



BILL JAMES.

MIAMI, Fla., March 30.—If George Stallings and his Boston Braves de-throne Pat Moran and his Phillies as champions of the National league this season the Hub city outfit will have to do it without the services of Big Bill James, hero of the 1914 world series.

That James is through as a pitcher appears to be unanimous among critics and members of the Braves' squad. "His arm is gone. Bill knows it, and we know it," said Johnny Evers.

VILLA IS CHOKED NEARLY TO DEATH

One of Five Men He Had Picked to Execute Strangles the Bandit Chief.

HE TORTURES THEM

"I Am Going to Kill You Because You Are Too Americanized."

FIELD HEADQUARTERS AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, COLONIA DUBLAN, Chihuahua, Mexico, March 26.—(By motor truck to Columbus, N. M., March 30.)—It has been learned here that Francisco Villa nearly lost his life a few days ago on the Corralitos ranch a short distance from this place, where he tortured and put to death five Mexicans. One of his victims leaped upon him and was strangling him when the Villista officers beat him senseless with the butts of their guns. Miguel Polanco was the name of the Mexican who almost succeeded in ending Villa's career.

Warning to Others. The murder of five members of the Polanco family was said to have been intended as a warning to other Mexicans against having dealings with Americans. Investigation showed that the Polanco family was involved with no political faction in Mexico, but that they had a record of uniform honesty and reliability in dealing with the American managers of the Corralitos ranch, where they were born and reared.

When Villa, retreating from Columbus, was shot by the American forces, he was taken to a hospital and given medical attention. He is now recovering from his wounds.

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Howard Some Day Is Going to Quit Life in Public, He Says

Special to The World. OKLAHOMA CITY, March 30.—State Auditor E. B. Howard came near being a victim of his own observations made to friends at luncheon a few days ago. The state auditor, an industrious man and owns some oil property which he hopes some day will make it so he can enjoy the sensation of living without having to work. He told his friends that he wanted to be fixed pretty soon so that he could quit public life and attend to private business. From this it became whispered around that he was going to quit the office. He received calls from newspaper men today regarding his "resignation." Then he had to explain the basis of the story. Mr. Howard says he probably will not be a candidate any more for public office.

CHANGE IN AFFAIRS AT THE CITY HALL

Republicans in Mass Meeting Pledge Their Personal Support.

OFFER REWARD FOR EVIDENCE OF FRAUD

Election Is Won if Fair Deal Prevails; Day of Crook Ended.

\$250 REWARD.

A. A. Small, manager of the Republican city campaign, last night announced that a reward of \$250 in cash would be paid to any man securing the arrest and conviction of anyone who violates the election laws, either during the registration or the work of the election. Tuesday, April 4, Joseph W. McNeal, a member of the finance committee, stated that the money to cover these rewards had been raised and deposited in the bank.

THAT the Republican ticket will be elected in its entirety next Tuesday providing there are no illegal votes and that the most drastic steps to prevent election law violations ever taken in this county have been adopted by the campaign committee, was the emphatic declaration of A. A. Small, city campaign manager, in a stirring speech before two hundred voters at the district courtroom last night.

In spite of the rain an enthusiastic and representative crowd was in attendance. When the call was made for volunteers to assist in forcing a fair election next Tuesday, practically every man in the room jumped to his feet.

"The money is in the bank," said Mr. Small at the conclusion of his speech, "and I am authorized to say to you that a reward of \$250 will be paid to any man securing the arrest and conviction of anyone who violates the election laws, either during the registration or the work of the election. Tuesday night, to win this reward you must first have the guilty person arrested and then supply the evidence that will send him to the penitentiary for willful violation of the election laws whether by registering or attempting to register or vote, or by changing, altering, mutilating or otherwise tampering with the ballot that has been cast with the purpose in mind of thwarting the will of the people."

The announcement was greeted with vociferous applause.

Simmons Spoke. John H. Simmons, Republican candidate for mayor, was the first speaker.

"It is the big things and not the little things that count," he said, "and we must not lose sight of the big things while we are busy with the little things. The first thing the Republican ticket proposes to do if elected is to make it possible to effect a speedy and proper solution of the water problem, and to place the affairs of our city on a business basis and conduct the administration in such a manner as to inspire the confidence of the people. I believe in treating every man courteously and if I should treat every decent citizen with courtesy, and never ask him a question about his politics, I have been connected with many business enterprises here, but today I am free in that respect. I am not a man who owns no stock in any bank or any corporation. My hands are untied and if I am elected mayor I will enter office with a clean slate and no political debts to pay. Had I written the Republican platform myself I could not have done better. I stand on that platform and if I am elected I shall not get off of it."

Dr. S. Dezel Hawley, who was Mr. Simmons' opponent for the nomination in the recent primary, was called on.

Hawley For Harmony. "I was the 'second horse in the race,'" said Doctor Hawley at the outset of his remarks, "but I am not so sure spots on me and I am out to the teeth and toenail. For the success of the Republican ticket from top to bottom. We must all work and we must not quit working until the last vote has been counted. I am for John Simmons and the whole ticket. I am spending much time in working for the election of the ticket, but all of us should make a sacrifice in this respect for we will get it back later on in reduced taxes. I have been here 13 years and practically all of that time the Democrats have been in power. If for no other reason than to the figure fixed by the general have got the votes to win and all we have to do is see that they are counted and that no illegal or dishonest votes are cast."

Joseph W. Kenton, secretary of the county election board, was called upon to explain why certain Democratic election inspectors had failed to attend to the registration yesterday. He

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Former Mayor Kills Self.

ALEXANDRIA, La., March 30.—Thomas Crowley, 79, former mayor of Alexandria and present probate officer of Rapides parish, killed himself today at his home here by shooting through the head with a revolver. It is thought ill health was the cause. He leaves but one relative, a nephew, R. H. Webster, of Alexandria.

DANIELS INCREASES DEMANDS FOR NAVY

Government Plant to Manufacture Projectiles Is Proposed.

15,000 MEN NEEDED

Munitions Factories Are Trying to Hold Up Price to the Government.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—A final review of the administration's preparedness plans for the navy was given the house naval committee today by Secretary Daniels, who will be the last witness heard before the committee begins framing its bill.

The secretary added in several respects to the program he had mapped out in estimates previously submitted to the committee. He urged the establishment of a government plant to manufacture navy projectiles, raised the estimate for the proposed research laboratory from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000; asked for about fifteen thousand additional men instead of ten thousand; and proposed that civilian educators be placed at the head of the nonmilitary departments of the naval academy to release line officers for active service.

Requesting that all provisions for air service be stricken out of the five-year building program, Mr. Daniels asked an appropriation of \$2,000,000 for aircraft this year. He explained that there was no way of determining what expenditure would be necessary in the future.

To Criticize Daniels. Criticism of Secretary Daniels' administration of the department forwarded by the course of certain committee members in examining previous witnesses, probably will materialize tomorrow. The secretary was allowed to proceed without interruption today, taking up the items on the program one by one, and he concluded his statement tomorrow and be questioned by the committee.

Questions of new construction of the size and speed of future submarines and other subjects much debated during the prolonged hearing were not reached. Mr. Daniels' statements outside of those relating to personnel, had to do almost wholly with industrial problems of the service.

An outline of the department's plan for building up an adequate reserve force for the navy was presented by the secretary. It provides for five classes of reserves, and the first to be known as the fleet reserve would be composed of former officers and enlisted men; the second or naval reserve, consisting of a body of men of the navy going through a course of instruction in war; the third or naval auxiliary reserve of shipmasters and seamen enrolled for war time duty on the auxiliary fleet; the fourth or naval coast defense reserve of residents on or near the coast capable of serving aboard mining craft, patrol vessels, torpedo boats, aircraft and in their respective districts; and the fifth or volunteer naval reserve of men who would have no duty in peace times, but as owners of yachts, power boats or other craft, could render efficient aid in wartime.

Need Projectile Plant. Secretary Daniels urged the committee to report favorably the armor plate factory bill, which recently passed the senate and which will be taken up next Tuesday.

A projectile plant, Mr. Daniels declared, was vitally important to the navy. With commercial concerns swamped with war orders from Europe, he said, prices were going up for the manufacture of projectiles, and it was impossible to obtain what the navy must have. He added that a government plant would make it possible to guard against navy inventions getting into the hands of possible enemy powers as was now almost certain to be the case.

"The condition in the United States today is briefly as follows," said the secretary. "The navy wants armor piercing projectiles but it does not want an inferior quality such as the manufacturers are willing to sell as such. They are unwilling to sell as such. They have ample capacity and ability to know that projectiles in accordance with the requirements can be produced, are unwilling to undertake their production, but are endeavoring to force the navy department to pay the same price for an admittedly inferior product."

Only One Relief. "What is the answer? There can be only one; that is, for the navy department to own and operate its own projectile plant."

Secretary Daniels explained that his request that the enlistment of fifteen thousand additional men be authorized this year would bring the force to the figure fixed by the general board, approximately sixty-seven thousand men. While he thought it improbable that more than ten thousand more men could be enlisted, he pointed out that with the authorization the recruiting service could be amplified to secure quicker results.

The secretary urged the equipment of the Norfolk, Philadelphia and Puget Sound navy yards for heavy construction and the building of a big dry dock at Norfolk.

Two Killed in Wreck.

LAKE CHARLES, La., March 30.—Engineer E. B. Griffin and Fireman W. B. Harrison, both of Lake Charles, were killed late today when the log train of the Hudson River Lumber company was wrecked five miles east of De Ridder when the engine struck a cow and turned over.

ENID GETS 1917 MEETING AFTER WEAK SKIRMISH

J. M. Hall of Tulsa Heads List of Officers Selected by Convention.

SESSION AT NIGHT

Plan for Bible Study Correlated With Public Schools Adopted.

For president, J. M. Hall, Tulsa, Okla.

For vice-presidents—J. E. Nissley, Guthrie, Okla.

E. A. Pemberton, Kingfisher, Okla.

D. Rector, Frederick, Okla.

Mrs. Frances Miller, Buffalo, Okla.

D. J. Dillingham, Waukomis, Okla.

Rev. Hendershot, Shawnee, Okla.

George L. Mann, Holdenville, Okla.

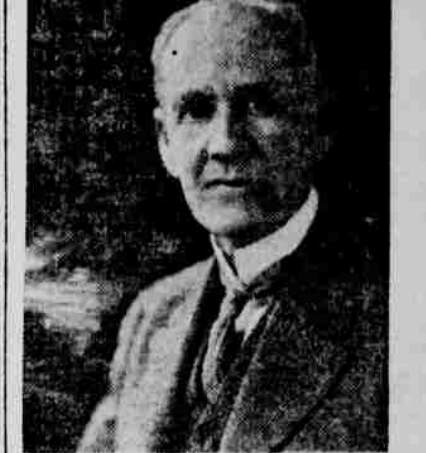
J. B. Hickman, Durant, Okla.

E. M. Beverly, Enid, Okla.

For Recording Secretary—J. S. Peter, Pawnee, Okla.

For Treasurer—Andrew Kingcade, Oklahoma City, Okla.

CLOSING with a day of business accomplishments, among which was the election of officers for the coming year, choice of Enid for the next convention city, and the unanimous approval of a plan of Bible study correlated with the public school system, the twenty-third annual convention of the Oklahoma State Sunday School association adjourned



J. M. Hall. Elected to head the 34th Sunday School association for the next year.

last night and the two thousand visiting delegates left for their respective homes.

The gigantic conference was unanimously proclaimed the most successful of its kind ever held. Even the hardest gloom-trodden, the international association, men were enthused with the doubling of the convention delegation. Its program was balanced to the last degree, combining practical helps, powerful theological pedagogy and deep spiritual tones.

J. M. Hall, superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday school of this city, was chosen president of the association for the coming year, without opposition. In a later meeting of this new executive committee C. H. Nichols was re-elected general state secretary at an increased salary.

This intrinsic importance of this convention will be felt in the coming year and other years when the plan for Bible study to be conducted by the church and accredited by the public schools begins to get abidingly in operation. The plan works for every church throughout the state. This system in detail was presented to the general session yesterday afternoon and adopted with a keen spirit of enthusiasm and optimism.

Credit in School. The proposition is for public schools to add five per cent to the average grade of every pupil below the eighth grade who presents a certificate from any minister in the city, stating that the boy or girl has satisfactorily completed a course of Bible study in the church. The schools, of course, will be in a position to demand efficient teachers and courses, but will in no other way interfere with the work.

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